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The affidavits called for should be acknowledged as in homestead proof, before a judge or clerk of the court of the county in which the claimant resides, or before a district land officer. You will transmit such affidavits to this Office to be filed with their respective homestead papers, and for such action as may be required.

Very Respectfully,  
C. W. HOLCOMB,  
Acting Commissioner.

An Act to amend section 2297, of the Revised Statutes, relating to homestead entries:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section numbered twenty-two hundred and ninety-seven, of title numbered thirty-two, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso, namely: "Provided, That where there may be climatic reasons the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, in his discretion, allow the settler twelve months from the date of filing in which to commence his residence on said land under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe."

Approved, March 3, 1881.

## NOTICE!

### Manistee River Bridges.

A petition has been filed with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Manistee County, which petition will be presented to the said Board of Supervisors at its session, to be held on the second Monday of June, A. D. 1881, at the beginning of said session on that day, or as soon thereafter as said Board may be ready to hear the same; and the said Board will be requested to grant the prayer of the petition. The following is a copy of said petition, to wit:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Manistee County, Michigan:

Your petitioner, the Manistee Railroad Company, respectfully represents, that it is necessary, in order to enable your petitioner to construct its railroad on the line, as surveyed and designated upon the map now on file in the office of the Register of Deeds for said Manistee County, to construct a bridge across the Little Manistee River, and also to bridge the several mouths of the Manistee River across the flats, near the Little Lake. And your petitioner prays leave to construct and maintain said bridges, the location, height and general description of such bridges being as follows:

1. A bridge across the north mouth of the Manistee River, about nine hundred feet west and one hundred and fifty feet north of the south-east corner of Section 28, Township 22 North, Range 17 West. This bridge to be constructed upon abutments, to be a combination truss of wood and iron, with-out draw; the height of the bottom of the floor beams to be not less than six feet above low-water mark, and the open clear space between the abutments to be not less than one hundred and ten feet.

2. A bridge across the middle mouth of the Manistee River, about four hundred and fifty feet south and one hundred and fifty feet east of the north-west corner of Section 6, Township 21 North, Range 16 West. This bridge to be of the same character, the same height, and to leave the same clear space between abutments as in the bridge last above described, and to be constructed without draw.

3. A bridge across the south mouth of the Manistee River, on the line of said railroad, near the east and west half quarter line in the south-west fractional quarter of said Section 8. This bridge to be a combination truss of wood and iron, resting upon abutments, the bottom of the floor beams to be at least six feet above low-water mark, and having a clear space between abutments of at least sixty-eight feet.

4. A bridge across the Little Manistee River, four hundred and fifty feet south and three hundred and thirty feet east of the north-west corner of the north-east quarter of the south-east quarter of Section 20, in Town 21 North, Range 16 West. This bridge to be a deck combination bridge with truss beneath. The bottom chord of this bridge to be at least twelve feet above low-water mark, with a clear space between abutments of eighty feet.

And your petitioners pray that this Honorable Board will grant leave for the construction of each of said bridges as specified above, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

H. C. POTTER,  
President Manistee Railroad Co.  
Dated: April 29, 1881.

The foregoing notice and copy of petition are published, that all persons interested may know of the same, and to comply with the statute in such case made and provided.

H. C. POTTER,  
President Manistee Railroad Co.

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